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1. SUMMARY. AMB. PEKURI, RECENTLY NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CSCE PHASE III, BRIEFED HELSINKI DIPLOMATIC CORPS JUNE 18 ON CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS. MUCH OF WHAT HE SAID WAS REPEAT OF INFO ALREADY REPORTED FROM HERE OR GENEVA. FINNS ENVISAGE 3 DAY MEETING BEGINNING PRE- FERABLY LATE ON A MONDAY AFTERNOON. FINNS URGING THAT THEY RECEIVE TIMELY INFO FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES RE DELEGATION NUMBERS AND ESPECIALLY HOTEL AND VEHICLE RE- QUIREMENTS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS COVERAGE DESCRIBED. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE CALL OF THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS THE CSCE AMBASSADORS OR THEIR CHARGES WERE FULLY BRIEFED BY AMBASSADOR PEKURI, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE PENDING CONFERENCE. AT THE RISK OF REPEATING PREVIOUSLY GIVEN INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING IS HOW PEKURI DESCRIBED FINNISH PREFERENCE FOR PHASE III PROCEDURE.

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3. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS: THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT IS HOPING THAT THE CONFERENCE MIGHT BEGIN LATE ON A MONDAY AFTERNOON AROUND 5:00 P.M. A LATE HOUR WAS SELECTED IN ORDER MANY MIGHT TRAVEL THE SAME DAY TO THE CONFERENCE FROM THEIR HOMES. THE OPENING CEREMONIES WOULD INCLUDE PRESIDENT KEKKONEN WITH SEC-GEN WALDHEIM AS ONLY OTHER SPEAKER. THE SECOND DAY WOULD BE A WORKING DAY BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M. AND FROM 3:30 TO 6:00 P.M. WITH SOME ELASTICITY ON THE END IF SOME SPEAKERS EXCEED THE SUGGESTED TIME OF TWENTY MINUTES TALK PER COUNTRY. A SEPARATE CHAIRMAN (NOT A FINN) WOULD BE SELECTED FOR MORN-ING AND AFTERNOON OF EACH DAY. THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE SCHED-ULED FOR THREE DAYS DURATION. AFTER OPENING DAY THE FIRST SPEAKER WOULD BE SELECTED BY LOTS THEN FOLLOW THE FRENCH ALPHABET ORDER. DOCUMENT SIGNING IN THE ORDER OF THE SPEAKERS' LIST AND THEN THE CLOSING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT KEKKONEN.

4. OFFICIAL DELEGATION MEMBERSHIP IS EXPECTED TO TOTAL 900 WITH 200-300 PEOPLE IN THE SECRETARIAT. EACH DELEGATION WOULD HAVE DESK IN MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM WITH SIX SEATS AT DESK AND SIX BEHIND. A NUMBER OF BILATERAL MEETING ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE. SIX IN ALL WITH ONE LARGE MEETING ROOM FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS.

5. THE EVENING OF THE FIRST DAY WOULD FEATURE A PRE-SIDENTIAL DINNER WITH FOUR INVITEES FROM EACH COUNTRY. (PEKURI INDICATED THREE PLUS THE LOCAL AMBASSADOR.) THE DRESS WOULD BE INFORMAL AND WOULD BE FOR MEN ONLY. THERE WOULD BE AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION BY THE FIN-NISH GOVERNMENT ON THE LAST WORK DAY. EXACT DATES FOR CONFERENCE WERE NOT SPECIFIED ALTHOUGH FINNS STIPULATED THEY STILL NEEDED TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE CONFERENCE.

6. PRESS ARRANGEMENTS: BETWEEN 900 AND 1000 PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXPECTED. IN FINLANDIA HOUSE (CON-FERENCE SITE) THERE WILL BE 55 TELEX MACHINES AND 78 TELEPHONES, 50 OF WHICH ARE FOR POSSIBLE OVERSEAS USE. THERE WILL BE SPACE FOR 500 JOURNALISTS IN THE REHEARSAL HALL

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ADJACENT TO THE PLENARY SESSION ROOM. THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE TO THE PLENARY SESSION FOR REPORTERS WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF A POOL REPORTER OR TWO. FINNS ENVISAGE PRESS BEING ABLE COVER ALL MEETINGS UNLESS CONFERENCE DECLARED OTHERWISE. ANY DELEGATION WISHING HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH PRESS HEAD-QUARTERS. THE PRESS HEADQUARTERS WILL BE THE MARSKI HOTEL WITH JAAKKO BERGQVIST IN CHARGE. AT

THE MARSKI THERE WILL BE 15 TELEX MACHINES AND 26 OVERSEAS TELEPHONES. FINNISH MISSION OVERSEAS WILL SOON RECEIVE FORMS FOR USE IN APPLYING FOR PHASE III ACCREDITATION AND HOUSING. COMPLETED FORMS TO BE SENT TO PRESS HEADQUARTERS HERE BUT NEEDED ACCREDITATION CARDS WILL BE ISSUED ONLY WHEN JOURNALIST REPORTS IN PERSON TO HOTEL MARSKI.

7. DELEGATION REQUIREMENTS: THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT HAS EMPHASIZED THERE WILL BE VERY STRICT SECURITY. BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY THE DELEGATES. SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR ARRIVAL CEREMONIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AT THE AIRPORT WITH 12 TELEPHONES AVAILABLE. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN PLANS TO GREET EACH HEAD OF DELEGATION WHERE PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE.

8. THE FINNS URGENTLY NEED THE NAMES OF THE DELEGATES. THEY ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF AN IDEA OF VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS. OBVIOUSLY THESE ARE VERY LIMITED. I HASTEN TO POINT OUT THE MARSKI IS A 6-10 MINUTE WALK FROM FINLANDIA HOUSE. HOTEL HESPERIA, WHERE WE HAVE REQUESTED SPACE FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION, IS EVEN CLOSER TO CONFERENCE SITE ELIMINATING SOME VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS. IF THE PRESIDENT STAYS AT THE EMBASSY THERE ARE THE FOLLOING BEDROOM FACILITIES: THE AMBASSADOR'S BEDROOM, LARGE DRESSING ROOM AND TWO LARGE BATHS. ACROSS THE HALL ARE A LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOM AND A SMALLER DOUBLE BEDROOM EACH WITH INDIVIDUAL BATHS. THERE ARE SEVERAL BEDROOMS ON THE THIRD FLOOR WHERE THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS FAMILY WILL TAKE HARBOR IF THIS IS THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE.

9. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE CONFERENCE IS IN THE PROXIMITY OF FIVE MILLION FINNMARKS PLUS. THIS IS ONLY A GUESSTIMATE.
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I URGE YOU ONCE MORE TO RECOGNIZE THAT FINNS' FACILITIES MORE LIMITED THAN IN WESTERN EUROPE AND THEY NEED AS MUCH ADVANCE INFORMATION AS WE CAN POSSIBLY GIVE THEM. THE LONGER WE WAIT TO SPECIFY SPACE, SUCH AS NUMBER OF SUITES, THE LESS CHOICE WE WILL HAVE.
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